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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing to request timely consideration of the application filed by SBC Communication Inc. (WC Docket No. 03-167) on July 17, 2003, which asks for authorization to provide in-region intraLATA service in five states, including Wisconsin. In light of the PSC's determination that SBC Communications has met the challenge of opening its local service market to competition, I support SBC's application.

Under the 1996 Telecom Act, SBC's access to the long distance market is subject to the condition that the company open its local markets to competition. SBC's fulfillment of this requirement has been acknowledged by a broad array of Wisconsin policymakers and citizens. The Wisconsin Public Service Commission's (PSC), in an Order issuing its final decision over SBC's petition, found that "intraLATA toll service is readily available, at affordable rates, from other providers. Competition for intraLATA toll service is strong, and there is no reason to expect that customers will be unable to find an intraLATA provider." After conducting a lengthy and thorough review process, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) unanimously endorsed SBC's application.

Increased competition for telecommunication services will be good for the resident's of the First Congressional District and the entire state of Wisconsin. Again, I urge your expeditious approval of SBC Communication's application.

Sincerely,



Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

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